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hours and relate with grave faces (if you have the patience to listen to them) the awful calamities that have befallen many of their people for *daring* to venture too near these unhallowed meetings. One way had been to tell myself and some others that his own father was beaten by a cloud till he was senseless; and he was found in that condition the next morning by somebody that was passing that way. Now I have no doubts but the old gentleman might have seen witches and perhaps felt them, still it is my private opinion that all the spirits present on that occasion could be found in his "aguardiente" bottle.

The town of Porto Prata is situated,

as I said before, on the island of St. Jago, on a kind of raised table land, which extends back from the sea. The town itself is not very elegant in the structure of its houses or the laying out of its streets, both of which have the appearance of being sadly out of repair. It contains about two thousand inhabitants who, for the most part, are very poor and miserably clad. Some of these can be seen trudging barefooted through the streets with enormous baskets on their heads, loaded with various wares, which they will urge you to buy, with the most ludicrous gesticulations. Others are fishermen, while some are water carriers, peddling that necessary article for a *reis* a bucketful. A *reis* is a Portuguese coin equivalent to our cent. The richer classes live on the outskirts of the town. Here

may be seen the Governor's house, a stone mansion—three stories high; the grounds surrounding the mansion are covered with handsome shade trees, also an abundance of fruit trees, including the orange and banana, and a variety of other tropical fruits which I saw there. A good strong wall surrounds the premises to keep out intruders and also to give a finish to the place, which is the handsome residence on the island. Sunday afternoons the regimental band from the stone fort in the harbor serenades the Governor and his staff. Sunday being the grand holiday of these people.

The climate of these islands is very warm, and the soil productive. They, being in the torrid zone, have no change of seasons from hot to cold as in this coun-

try, but two seasons which they call the wet and dry. This dry season is the productive time of the year and answers to our summer and fall, when tropical flowers and fruits of all kinds grow spontaneously. Among the most conspicuous of these are the orange, banana, lemon and pineapple.

Many of the inhabitants pay great attention to the cultivation of the sugar cane which they make a vile species of rum called "aguardente," which will kill at least a rod. The monkeys, who are very fond of sweet things, frequently make a raid on the sugar cane, carrying off a great deal, and sometimes destroy the sweet potatoes and other vegetables which lie in their way. The farmers have tried all sorts of plans to rid themselves of

these fellows, such as shooting in amongst them, but it did not answer as it wastes too much powder and ball and doesn't obtain for them the desired result. One very curious method that some of the people resort to is this: they set narrow-mouthed jars, filled with large lumps of sugar, in different places through the sugar cane where the monkeys can get at them; they then conceal themselves. The monkeys will plunge their heads into the narrow receptacles to reach the sugar, and, as they are so greedy, will naturally fill both cheeks with the sugar, and then when they come to draw them out they find they cannot, or draw them out of the necks of the bottles, unless they let go of the sugar which they do not wish disposed of, but try to swallow whole, and spending and

dragging all the time. This is the moment for the farmers; they rush from their concealment and grab the poor frightened victims. Those that are caught are extricated from their embarrassing position, not however till they singed, and perhaps maimed; this is done as a warning to the others, who give these poor hapless monkeys a better berth. They say this works better than any other plan they can contrive, keeping them away from the sugar cane, perhaps for a month or so.

(To be continued.)

MARINE.

Wet Among the latest inventions is a "waterproof" suit which consists of a pair

"Egg" detector.—A light box, in the top of which there are a number of holes, in each of which an egg is to be placed. At the bottom of the box there is a plate looking-glass. Looking in at an opening made for that purpose, the reflection of the good eggs is seen full and clear, while if there is a bad one in the lot it is indicated by a black blot. By the use of this detector the quality of eggs can be instantly ascertained, and it would seem to be a very useful article for the family or dealer.

§ 67. A woman at Vassalboro, Me., recently returned to her husband after a three years' stay among the Shakers. Her husband invited all the neighbors to celebrate the event and welcome her home.

April 17th, 1873.

Administrator.